

VIRGINIA CITIES ELIGIBLE TO REVERT TO TOWN STATUS ACCORDING TO 2000 CENSUS

CITY	2000 POPULATION	AFFECTED COUNTY	2000 POPULATION	POST- REVERSION COUNTY POPULATION	FORMER CITY AS % OF ENLARGED COUNTY
BEDFORD	6,299	BEDFORD	60,371	66,670	9.45%
BRISTOL	17,367	WASHINGTON	51,103	68,470	25.36%
BUENA VISTA	6,349	ROCKBRIDGE	20,808	27,157	23.38%
CHARLOTTESVILLE	45,049	ALBEMARLE	79,236	124,285	36.25%
COLONIAL HEIGHTS	16,897	CHESTERFIELD	259,903	276,800	6.10%
		PRINCE GEORGE	33,047	49,944	33.83%
COVINGTON	6,303	ALLEGHANY	12,926	19,229	32.78%
DANVILLE	48,411	PITTLYLVANIA	61,745	110,156	43.95%
EMPORIA	5,665	GREENSVILLE	11,560	17,225	32.89%
FAIRFAX	21,498	FAIRFAX	969,749	991,247	2.17%
FALLS CHURCH	10,377	ARLINGTON	189,453	199,830	5.19%
		FAIRFAX	969,749	980,126	1.06%
FRANKLIN	8,346	ISLE OF WIGHT	29,728	38,074	21.92%
		SOUTHAMPTON	17,482	25,828	32.31%
FREDERICKSBURG	19,279	SPOTSYLVANIA	90,395	109,674	17.58%
		STAFFORD	92,446	111,725	17.26%
GALAX	6,837	CARROLL	29,245	36,082	18.95%
		GRAYSON	17,917	24,754	27.62%
HARRISONBURG	40,468	ROCKINGHAM	67,725	108,193	37.40%
HOPEWELL	22,354	CHESTERFIELD	259,903	282,257	7.92%
		PRINCE GEORGE	33,047	55,401	40.35%
LEXINGTON	6,867	ROCKBRIDGE	20,808	27,675	24.81%
MANASSAS	35,135	PRINCE WILLIAM	280,813	315,948	11.12%
MANASSAS PARK	10,290	PRINCE WILLIAM	280,813	291,103	3.53%
MARTINSVILLE	15,416	HENRY	57,930	73,346	21.02%
NORTON	3,904	WISE	40,123	44,027	8.87%
PETERSBURG	33,740	CHESTERFIELD	259,903	293,643	11.49%
		DINWIDDIE	24,533	58,273	57.90%
		PRINCE GEORGE	33,047	66,787	50.52%
POQUOSON	11,566	YORK	56,297	67,863	17.04%
RADFORD	15,859	MONTGOMERY	83,629	99,488	15.94%
		PULASKI	35,127	50,986	31.10%
SALEM	24,747	ROANOKE	85,778	110,525	22.39%
STAUNTON	23,853	AUGUSTA	65,615	89,468	26.66%
WAYNESBORO	19,520	AUGUSTA	65,615	85,135	22.93%
WILLIAMSBURG	11,998	JAMES CITY	48,102	60,100	19.96%
		YORK	56,297	68,295	17.57%
WINCHESTER	23,585	FREDERICK	59,209	82,794	28.49%

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NOTE:

Sec. 15.2-4101, Code of Virginia authorizes cities with a population at the time of the latest decennial census of less than 50,000 persons to petition for town status.

However, Chapter 688, Acts of the Assembly, 1989 provides that before a court can grant town status to any city having a population of more than 5,000 but less than 5,900 persons, a referendum on the question of town status must be held in the affected city. Based on the 1980 Census, only the City of Clifton Forge met that criteria, but the City of Emporia also met that criteria based on the 1990 Census. No additional cities qualified as a result of the 2000 Census.

South Boston in Halifax County reverted to town status on July 1, 1995.
Clifton Forge in Alleghany County reverted to town status on July 1, 2001.